Ceremony VIII
for
Lord Cecil

Spring, 3 months after the war in a far away country ended.
An unexpected client is visiting Undertaker Blondie's place.

DON'T BE SO TENSE, BLONDIE.
MY NAME IS HOLY DRAGON MATTHEW
I CAME TO CONVEY THE QUEEN'S WORDS
DON'T TELL OTHERS.
LAST NIGHT LORD CECIL, THE CABINET MINISTER DIPLOMACY OF OUR COUNTRY, DIED
BECAUSE OF HEART ATTACK.

ASH AND DUST
THIS IS QUEEN'S ORDER
IT'S AN ORDER
TO PROLONG INDEFINITELY LONGEVITY LORD CECIL'S BODY
AND ALSO
AN ORDER TO ACCOMPANY THE LORD TO CROSS OVER THE SEA IN A WEEK
TO GO TO A PEACE CONFERENCE THAT'S HELD IN GALLIC A NEIGHBOUR COUNTRY ON THE MARITIME BORDER, AS SERVANTS
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INDEFINITE?!
Y-- YOUNG LADY AND YOUNG MASTER!
AN IMPORTANT TASK LIKE THAT?

I'LL TAKE A FORM AS A PAGE
THE OTHER COUNTRY SHOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE LORD'S DEATH
Gallia
London
I'LL JOIN TOO
H...HOLY DRAGON?
TO AVOID THE WAR WITH GALLIC THAT HAS A TENSE RELATIONSHIP WITH US THESE PAST SEVERAL YEARS
THE ONE WHO CAN KEEP OUR COUNTRY'S PEACE IS OUR LORD
SO WE MUST ACCOMPANY HIM, BLONDIE

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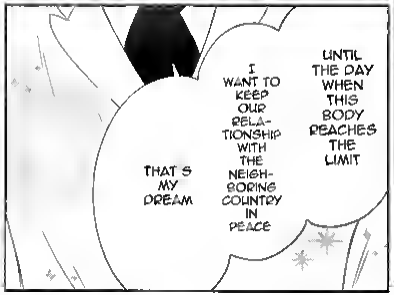
PLEASE
LORD CECIL
THIS IS A MEDICAL ALCOHOL MIXED WITH 3% OF LONDINIUM ROSE TO PURIFY YOUR BODY
THANKS

YOU HAVE REALLY AMAZING SKILLS
I ALMOST FORGOT THAT I'VE DIED
LORD CECIL
WE HAVE FORMULATED THE BATH SALT WITH LONDINIUM ROSE TOO
PLEASE TAKE A BATH FOR 15 MINUTES
YEAH
ACTUALLY, A PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED INBALM MUST BE BACK AT CHURCH IN THEIR COFFIN BEFORE 12 P.M
AND MUST SLEEP UNDER THE LONDINIUM ROSE'S PROTECTION
BUT I COULD BREAK THAT RULE AND COME TO THIS CONFERENCE
THANKS TO YOU TWO AND
HOLY DRAGON AS WELL, WHO HAS BEEN ACCOMPANING ME

IS THANKS TO HOLINESS QUEEN AND HOLY DRAGON'S PROTECTION...
THAT TOO,

YEAH
LORD CECIL?
IT'S TO MAKE THE CONFERENCE'S DEFENCE TODAY BECOME THE BEST, RIGHT


UNTIL THE DAY WHEN THIS BODY REACHES THE LIMIT
I WANT TO KEEP OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY IN PEACE
THAT'S MY DREAM

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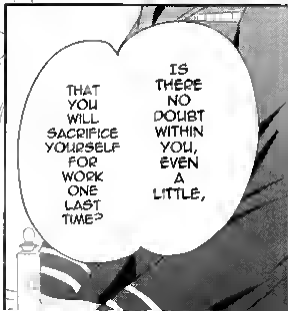
LORD CECIL
ARE YOU KEEPING THIS LONGEVITY A SECRET TO YOUR FAMILY AS WELL?
MY FAMILY ALSO DOES NOT KNOW OF MY DEATH

NOT EVEN ONCE


IS THERE NO DOUBT WITHIN YOU, EVEN A LITTLE,
THAT YOU WILL SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR WORK ONE LAST TIME?

I'M SORRY ...!
DROP
AA ...
The date was 20 years ago This is ...
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I... I'M REALLY SORRY!
THIS PHOTO WAS YOUNG HOLINESS QUEEN'S
EVEN SHE CAN HIDE HER TRUE APPEAR-ANCE FROM PEOPLE
THERE'S NO USE TELLING OTHERS, DUST
HOLINESS QUEEN!?
THIS CROWN
THIS IS

COULD IT BE...
LORD
I THINK THAT IT IS NOT GOOD TO BRING ALONG A PHOTO LIKE THIS
THIS WAS A PHOTO OF THAT MOMENT
THE 1ST TIME I STOOD BESIDE THE YOUNG HOLINESS QUEEN
THIS WAS FROM 20 YEARS AGO,

I STILL REMEMBER HER VOICE
HOLINESS QUEEN LONG AGO
WHEN I ACCIDENTALLY HEARD THAT I'M NOT BLOOD RELATED TO ASH AT THAT TIME
I COULDN'T SEE HOLINESS QUEEN'S FIGURE, BUT

20 YEARS AGO,
HE WAS STANDING BESIDE ME
ARE YOU WORRIED? MY QUEEN?
AS LONG AS IT S LORD CECIL, IT WON'T FAIL
HOLY DRAGON DUKE LUKE
NOT EVEN ONCE
MY WILL BEFORE,
AND HE NEVER REFUSED
IN THE FUTURE
AND WILL BE MY PAGE

IN THE WAR HUNDRED YEARS AGO THE ROSE WAR
OUR COUNTRY WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS
I WISH FOR A GREATER DEVELOPEMENT IN THE STATE
UNTIL MY PLAN BECOMES REAL
I CAN'T LOSE LORD CECIL
OUR COUNTRY'S FATE, MY WISH
ARE DEPENDING ON HIM

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THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK
LORD...
JUST A LITTLE LONGER
I MUST GIVE MY THANKS TO DUST AND ASH
I'LL GIVE HIM HAPPI-NESS, NO MATTER WHAT
UNTIL HE REACHES HIS SOUL'S LIMIT

THE PEACE CONFERENCE WITH THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY WAS SUCESSFUL
NEWS ABOUT THE PEACE CONFER-ENCE HAS BEEN SPREADING
ASH,
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I WAS SURPRISSED WITH THAT DAZZLING LIGHT
WHEN WE CALLED BACK LORD CECIL'S SOUL
THAT WAS THE 1ST TIME I SAW A SOUL THAT SHINED BRIGHTLY LIKE THAT
DON'T JUDGE JUST BY APPEARANCE
NEVER-THELESS, LORD CECIL WAS A LOVELY PERSON
IT'S REALLY SPLENDID, YOUNG LADY, YOUNG MASTER!

SAY DUST...
WE NEVER TRIED TO DO AN INDEFINITE INBALM BEFORE, RIGHT?
HOW LONG CAN LORD CECIL HAVE A PERFECT BODY LIKE THAT?
3 MONTHS FOR SURE
BUT NOT HALF A YEAR
EVEN THOUGH THE HOLINESS QUEEN SAID TO KEEP HIS STATE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE
IF LORD WAS FINISHED WITH THE INBALM
WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH ALBA'S PEACE?
WAR IS NOT GOOD
WE CAN BE SEPARATED LIKE THIS DOG AND SOLDIER
HOW MANY YEARS AND...
HOW MANY HUNDRED YEARS WILL THE CONFLICT CONTINUE?

WAR MUSN'T OCCUR
RIGHT, BLACK PRINCE...
FATHER

BLACK PRINCE
MY LIFE IS NOT LONG
I'LL LEAVE REBEL THIS COUNTRY TO YOU
YOU CAN MAKE A NEW WORLD
I BELIEVE YOU CAN
FATHER
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EH !?

OU DUKE LUKE!
DUCHESS JOAN!
TWO HOLY DRAGONS HAVE COME TOGETHER
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
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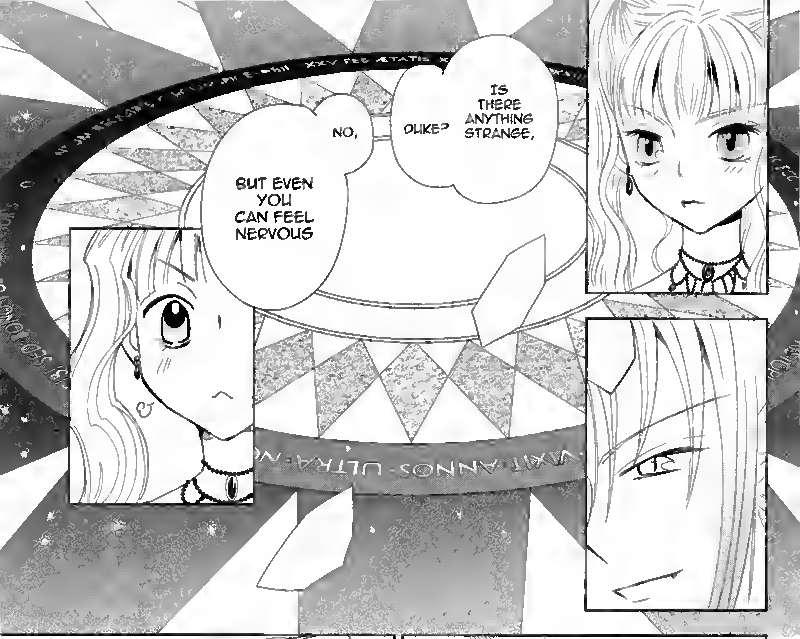
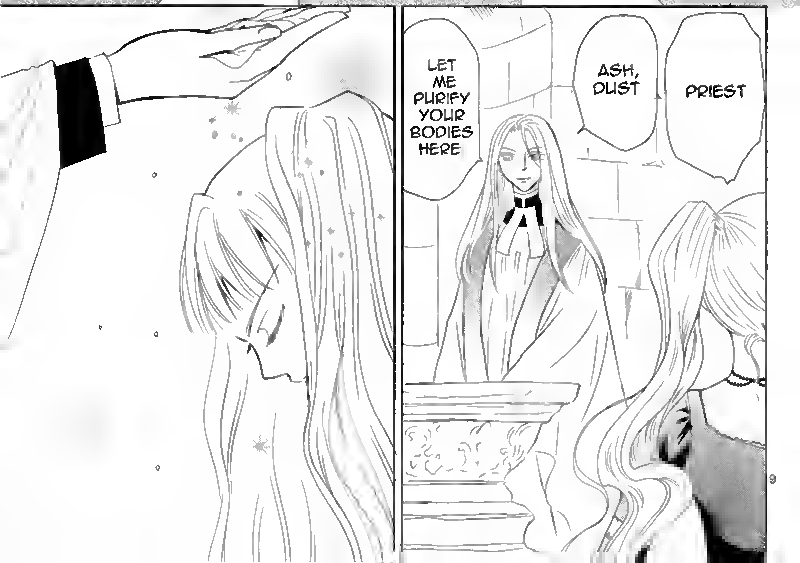
PERSONAL CALL FROM THE QUEEN TO ASH AND DUST
SHE GAVE A DIRECT ORDER TO US
TO GIVE HER THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK LAST TIME

SO WE'VE COME
TO PICK YOU UP
THE QUEEN IS WAITING FOR YOU

WHY MUST IT BE THIS COMBI-NATION?


IS THERE ANYTHING STRANGE, OLIKE?
NO,
BUT EVEN YOU CAN FEEL NERVOUS


LET ME PURIFY YOUR BODIES HERE
ASH, DUST
PRIEST

HOLINESS QUEEN HAS COME
ASH, DUST
FINALLY, YOU CAME
RAISE YOUR HEADS

I GUESS THAT BOTH OF YOU ARE SURPRISED WITH MY APPEARANCE
FROM 20 YEARS AGO...
THE QUEEN HASN'T CHANGE AT ALL...

WHY AM I NOT GETTING OLDER?
THE ARCHBISHOP SAID THAT I WAS BLESSED WITH LONDINIUM ROSE, BUT
I THINK THAT IS A CURSE
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ASH AND DUST
I WANT TO GIVE YOU MY THANKS
FOR YOUR HARD WORK
THANKS TO THE BOTH OF YOU,
LORD CECIL ACHIEVED THE PEACE NEGOTIA-TION
THAT ONLY HE COULD DO

TO ASH, WHO CALLED BACK THE LORD'S SOUL TO THIS WORLD
I GIVE YOU
THE TITLE OF LADY
AND TO DUST,
I GIVE YOU THE TITLE OF KNIGHT

THE KING OF REBEL HAS LEFT THIS WORLD
THERE'S STILL ONE THING
THAT WILL MAKE THE BOTH OF YOU SURPRISED
ASH AND DUST
I'M GOING TO TAKE THIS WORLD
SO I NEED YOUR HELP
!!
I WANT TO UNITE IT ONCE AGAIN
WITH THE REBELS, WHO RAN TO THE SNOW-FIELD AREA AFTER BEING DEFEATED BY US, THE ALBAS,
IN THE WAR HUNDRED YEARS AGO
THAT'S MY DESIRE

I WANT TO GIVE THE LONDINIUM ROSE POWER
THAT HAD BEEN MONOPOLIZED BY US TO THE REBEL ONCE AGAIN,
AND SETTLE DOWN THE FIRE OF WAR
THAT'S MY DESIRE.

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Ceremony EX: For Ash's Birthday

ASH'S BIRTHDAY IS COMING
NOW I'M THINKING ABOUT WHAT I SHOULD GIVE HER AS A GIFT
IF IT IS JUST AN ORDINARY ITEM, IT WILL MAKE ME FEEL ASHAMED
FUNERAL WORLD.. AH NO, IT'S A CELEBRATION FOR THE FASHION LEADER MAIDEN, ASH
SOMETHING THAT NO ONE HAS EVER GIVEN TO HER BEFORE
IT MUST BE SOMETHING RARE OR BEAUTIFUL
LOOKS LIKE I MUST SEARCH IT IN A FAR AWAY COUNTRY
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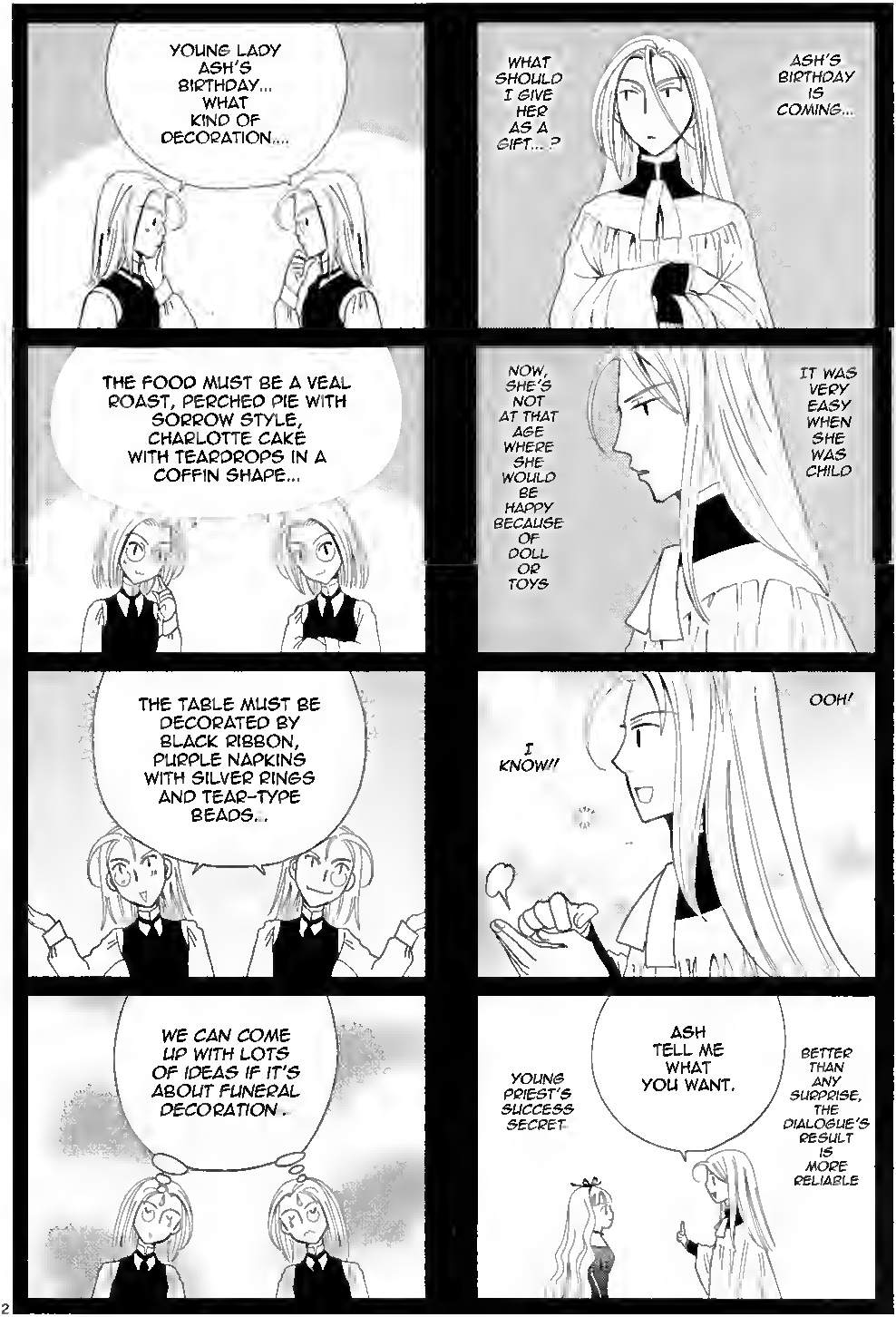
ASH, I'LL GIVE YOU AN UNUSUAL GIFT.
DUKE HOW FAR WILL YOU GO?
AND UNTIL WHAT ERA...?


YOUNG LADY ASH'S BIRTHDAY... WHAT KIND OF DECORATION....
WHAT SHOULD I GIVE HER AS A GIFT...?
ASH'S BIRTHDAY IS COMING...
THE FOOD MUST BE A VEAL ROAST, PERCHED PIE WITH SORROW STYLE, CHARLOTTE CAKE WITH TEARDROPS IN A COFFIN SHAPE...
NOW, SHE'S NOT AT THAT AGE WHERE SHE WOULD BE HAPPY BECAUSE OF DOLL OR TOYS
IT WAS VERY EASY WHEN SHE WAS CHILD
THE TABLE MUST BE DECORATED BY BLACK RIBBON, PURPLE NAPKINS WITH SILVER RINGS AND TEAR-TYPE BEADS...
OOH!
I KNOW!!
WE CAN COME UP WITH LOTS OF IDEAS IF IT'S ABOUT FUNERAL DECORATION.
ASH TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT.
YOUNG PRIEST'S SUCCESS SECRET
BETTER THAN ANY SURPRISE, THE DIALOGUE'S RESULT IS MORE RELIABLE

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Happy Birthday
To Ash!!
I'LL MIX A NEW PERFUME FOR ASH'S BIRTHDAY GIFT.
IT'S NOT ENOUGH IF IT JUST SOMETHING THAT SMELLS GOOD
UU-UM
AFTER THINKING ABOUT THIS AND THAT, I PUT IN THE ROSE'S THORN, AND THE SCENE WAS PERFECT.. BUT
THE THORN HAS A SCENE?

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